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Military Tribute T-shirts

You may have noticed members of the City of Riverside Fire Department wearing camouflage t-shirts on Memorial Day. The City of Riverside Fire Department is showing support of our military by wearing military style camouflage t-shirts on the following holidays:

- Memorial Day (last Monday of May)
- Independence Day (4th of July)
- Veterans Day (November 11th)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7th)

This was a joint venture with The Riverside City Firefighters Association, RCFA 1067, that purchased one t-shirt per department member to allow all members to participate at no cost to the department.



Left: Station 3B and Right: Station 2C

Camo T-shirts (cont)

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Top left: Station 1B;
Top right: Station 14B;
Bottom left: Engineers
Steve Scotti and Chris
Anderson at driver's
training drill

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Memorial Day Workout

Station 5 B shift performed the Memorial Day "Murph" Workout on May 27. Jeff Lewis, Matt Galik, Ryan Kaessner, and Fire Explorers Rafael Llamas and Xavier Gomez. The workout included: 1 Mile run, 100 pull ups, 200 push ups, 300 squats, and another 1 mile run.



Birthdays



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Wheelchair Basketball Game

RFD members played the Rolling Bears on May 18 at the Poly High Gym. As in years past, the RFD team gave a good effort but lost (again). Probationary Firefighter Garry Lingafelter scored more points in the game than anyone else ever has in the past nine years. Unfortunately, probationary firefighters are not eligible for MVP, so Bryan Hoffman received that honor with the second highest amount of points scored.



June Birthdays

<i>Margaret Albanese</i>	<i>6/17</i>
<i>Anthony Bons</i>	<i>6/20</i>
<i>Milton Caceres</i>	<i>6/16</i>
<i>Anthony Coletta</i>	<i>6/21</i>
<i>Matthew Dalton</i>	<i>6/27</i>
<i>Nick Faraclas</i>	<i>6/8</i>
<i>David Gilstrap</i>	<i>6/29</i>
<i>Shawn Haney</i>	<i>6/23</i>
<i>Bruce Harter</i>	<i>6/17</i>
<i>Thomas Henritze</i>	<i>6/20</i>
<i>Michelle Jackson</i>	<i>6/23</i>
<i>Ryan Kaessner</i>	<i>6/16</i>
<i>Craig Kodat</i>	<i>6/8</i>
<i>Matt Mathis</i>	<i>6/12</i>
<i>Tracy McKibbin</i>	<i>6/26</i>
<i>Bill Milligan</i>	<i>6/29</i>
<i>Nick Navarro</i>	<i>6/17</i>
<i>Crispin Nunez</i>	<i>6/20</i>
<i>Raymond Orozco</i>	<i>6/19</i>
<i>Mike Reynaud</i>	<i>6/16</i>
<i>Paul Seawright</i>	<i>6/1</i>
<i>Joshua Tronaas</i>	<i>6/2</i>
<i>Jim Weber</i>	<i>6/13</i>
<i>Ralph Wilson</i>	<i>6/26</i>

Take Us Out to the Ballgame

RFD friends enjoy a Padres game on May 21. L to R: Rod Nash, Frank Robles, Tom Kleveno, Steve Edwards, Andy Ferchaw, and Anthony Frausto



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Get Fit Challenge

The Riverside City Fire Department and its members earned top honors in this year's "Get Fit Challenge". Thirty-eight awesome RFD members participated in the 2013 Get Fit Challenge and lost 444.1 pounds during the 12 week program. They were able to bring home the Department Challenge Trophy to the Fire Dept. for a second year in a row with an average weight loss of 5.52%. The top five male and overall winners in order were: Mike Estrada (16.56% and 2nd place male citywide), Steve Bradshaw (14.86% and 3rd place male citywide), Steve Earley (14.15% and top departmental winner), Richard Bennett (11.54%), and Todd LeSieur (9.72%). The top five female RFD participants in order were: Misty Finney (5.31%), Carol Crouch (3.18%), Carol Blake (2.50%), Tracy McKibbin (2.14%) and Norma Pagan (1.51%). Congratulations to everyone!!!

The Fire Department was presented with the trophy by HR Director Rhonda Strout at the 2013 Employee Wellness Fair which was held on May 22 at City Hall.



L to R: Misty Finney; RPD Sgt. Steve Bradshaw, and Fire Chief Steve Earley accept department award for the second year in a row.

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May 15, 2013

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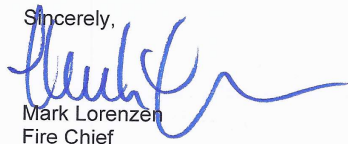
Dear Chief Earley,

On Thursday, May 2, 2013, at 6:35 a.m., a fire started just off the southbound lanes of Highway 101 in Ventura County. It could not have started at a worse time. We were experiencing strong northeast winds, single-digit relative humidity, and fuel moisture levels that were more reflective of what we should see in August. Needless to say, these factors were all ingredients in a recipe for disaster.

Our call for help went out almost immediately and your agency responded by sending critical resources to assist us in protecting life, property and the environment. Thanks to you, your agency and the professional firefighters you sent, disaster was averted. Your response is evidence that our California mutual aid system does indeed work and is one of the primary reasons we have experienced so many successes in our region. I recognize that no one agency can effectively handle an emergency of this magnitude and appreciate the robust mutual aid response that you were a part of.

On behalf of a grateful community and the men and women of the Ventura County Fire Department, thank you!

Sincerely,



Mark Lorenzen
Fire Chief

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Providing protection and preservation of life, property and environment to: The Cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Ojai, Port Hueneme, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and the unincorporated areas of Ventura County.

Crews that responded were: OES255 w/ Cpt Pat Hopkins, Eng Shawn Haney, FF Paul Young, and FF/PM Crispin Nunez. OES8635 w/ Cpt Sean Smith, Eng Dan Wible, FF Dave Revollo, and FF/PM Marcian Duran. DC Esparza also responded as overhead.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA—DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., GOVERNOR

DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS

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May 10, 2013

Mr. Steven Earley
Riverside City Fire Department
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Dear Chief Earley:

On April 9, 2013, we laid to rest Investigative Services Unit Officer Gilbert Cortez and his K-9, Maddie, who both succumbed after a car accident in the line of duty. Officer Cortez truly touched every member of our organization and many others. The loss of a fellow peace officer is one of the most challenging times any department can experience. Your support and contribution in honoring Officer Cortez strengthened us during this difficult time. On behalf of the Cortez family and the California Rehabilitation Center, we are extremely grateful to you and your organization for supporting us and standing together as we honored our fallen peace officer.

Due to the participation of many correctional, police, and fire agencies such as yours, we were able to honor Officer Cortez in the exceptional California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation tradition. The hundreds of peace officers and firefighters that participated in the memorial service were a wonderful tribute to Officer Cortez's life. Your personnel should be commended for their exceptional representation and professionalism. All of our personnel, along with the Department Secretary, Undersecretary, Director, Associate Directors, and staff are extremely appreciative of the recognition presented by the correctional, police, and fire services.

Our department has received many compliments on the memorial service, which is due in part to your department's participation. We understand sacrifices were involved for your department to join in this solemn event.

We thank you most sincerely for helping us honor our fallen brother.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Cynthia Y. Tampakins".

CYNTHIA Y. TAMPKINS
Warden
California Rehabilitation Center

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May 23, 2013

Steve Earley, Fire Chief
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Dear Chief Earley,

Thank you for your participation in the CFFJAC's 2013 Firefighter Career Expo held at our CPAT Testing Center in Orange on May 11th. Sponsored by the CFFJAC's Commission to Recruit Women for the Fire Service, this event encapsulates our mission to create a fire service that reflects the dynamic and diverse communities throughout the state, while providing a higher quality of care and level of service to all Californians.

The event attracted a significant and wide-range number of viable female and male candidates, and your department personnel did an incredible job of interacting with them, answering their questions and guiding them through the process of what it takes to be a professional firefighter.

As a labor and management partnership, the CFFJAC is very proud of the support and participation we receive from our state, county, and municipal fire departments and our local unions. It is because of your commitment to the citizens of our great state that the California fire service continues to be recognized as a model for the entire nation.

Sincerely,


Yvonne de la Peña
Program Director

c: Tim Strack, President, Riverside City Firefighters Association, Local 1067

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New OES Engine

DC Esparza and Captain Beeler picked up OES369 from OES Chief Zagaris in Sacramento on May 23. This Type 1 engine will be stationed at the La Sierra Fire Station (replacing OES255)



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Push Up Challenge/Fundraiser



Ten RFD firefighters participated in the "Push Up Challenge" on May 18 at the Grove Community Church. The team included: Johnny Trujillo, Paul Young, Bryan Hoffman, Garry Lingafelter, David Nelson, David Waltemeyer, Daniel Christensen, Alex Austin, Kyle Philips, and Matt Stibal. The RFD Team competed against RPD and 10 guys from "Average Joes" gym. RFD beat the second place team, RPD, by 350 push ups. The challenge was based on the number of push ups completed in a 90 second period. Each push up earned money for "Boots on the Ground", a charity for men and women in the armed services.

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Jennifer Wilson

Scott Wilson's wife, Jennifer, was involved in a serious traffic accident on May 24. She suffered major injuries to both her feet and had to be extricated from the vehicle. She has undergone surgery already and is recovering. The Wilson Family is grateful for everyone's support. Photo: Lola and Zoe provide Jennifer with a big dose of love.



Master Chef Reed



Joe Reed retired from the Navy as a Master Chief, but it appears he is also the Master Chef. Joe received this apron from a Navy friend. It has a fire theme on one side and Navy on the other.

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Photo Album



3 Generations of Fishers on the RFD: L to R is Retired Cpt Bob Fisher, FF/PM Steven Fisher, and Retired Division Chief Mike Fisher



USAR's new boat motor trailer

Training Pics



May 16 apparatus drills at the Tower: Left:E4C and Right:E10C



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Photo Album (cont.)



Left: 2013 Retirement Dinner Honorees. Right: the new Post 101 Fire Explorer patch honoring Retired Advisor and RFD Engineer Frank Sydow



Left: USAR WMD Drill on May 11: Instructor Gary Giovannetti explains how to set up the decon showers. Right: Eric Peniata waits to try on new WMD suits

